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**From:** Latimer, Becky  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 20, 2020 2:20 PM  
**To:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Subject:** 2020-125-E

Dear Mr. Fred Gilliam:

This email is to acknowledge that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina has received your Letter of Protest. Please be advised that your Letter of Protest will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov).

- Docket No. 2020-125-E - Application of Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. for Adjustment of Rates and Charges (See Commission Order No. 2020-313)

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According to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, filing a Protest does not make you a Party of Record. A Protestant desiring to become an Intervenor (i.e., a Party of Record) in a proceeding before the Commission may file a Petition for Intervention within the time prescribed by the Commission.

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If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,  
Becky Latimer

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 20, 2020 1:01 PM  
**To:** Duke, Daphne  
**Cc:** Latimer, Becky  
**Subject:** FW: [External] RE: Application of Dominion Energy, SC, Inc. for rate increase

803-896-5100

**From:** Fred Gillam  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 20, 2020 11:29 AM  
**To:** PSC\_Commissioner.Williams  
**Subject:** [External] RE: Application of Dominion Energy, SC, Inc. for rate increase

Dear PSC Commissioners,

I oppose Dominion Energy's electricity rate increase request of 7.75%. This represents an attempt by the utility to recapture the negotiated discount applied to SC bills due to the VC Summer fiasco. First, ratepayers were told there would be a rebate of \$1,000. PSC agreed to a longer term discount and the rebate disappeared. Now Dominion is asking for a rate increase far in excess of the cost of living increase. A reasonable increase of 1-2% might be appropriate to allow the utility to maintain infrastructure. In light of greatly decreased energy generation costs only a small increase, if any, is warranted. The commission should evaluate the benefit of significantly lower energy costs to the utility in evaluating this request.

In addition, the Dominion proposal asks to discontinue the Tax Rider that was authorized in 2018. That rider provides a transparent rate reduction of 3.2%, according to the chart in the PSC mailer announcing the public hearings. Dominion proposes to "return those savings to customers through base rates going forward". And, they are doing this by requesting a 7.75% rate increase? Seriously? There is no logical reason for the PSC to consider discarding a transparent tax rider reduction for a proposal that would hide the enacted reduction within the base rate. To approve this proposal would be tantamount to approving hidden rate increases.

Thank you for your service to South Carolina residents. Please consider my concerns as you work toward a decision on Dominion's request.

Sincerely,  
 Fred Gillam

Bluffton, SC